

# GREENBELT News Review

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## Council Initiates Decisions On Gardens, Forest Preserve

by Kathleen Gallagher

Over the last month the Greenbelt Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB) submitted three reports to the city council dealing with the issue of establishing boundaries for the community gardens located within the Greenbelt Forest Preserve. The community gardens were identified in the 2005 Forest Preserve Management and Maintenance Guidelines as one of several existing contingency uses of the woodlands that were essentially inconsistent with the purpose of the preserve but were at the same time historic, important to the community and therefore desirable for the city to protect and maintain.

In order to maintain the physical area set aside for gardens, the guidelines allowed that necessary pruning, removal of trees and selective clearing by the city would be permitted but only to the extent necessary to maintain the limits of the gardens and to remove any canopy obstructing

the clearstory of the garden area.

Over the years the trees have grown and the footprints of some of the gardens may have, too, with little discussion having occurred about what the "limits" of the gardens in fact were or should be; nor was a plan made for city maintenance that would clarify the edge between gardens and preserve. Given the divergent purposes recognized in the guidelines for culturing gardens and trees, it is not surprising that there have been differences of opinion. Over the last couple of years, discussions have occurred among the Greenbelt Garden Club, FPAB and the city council about the problems that need to be resolved.

Following the receipt of the FPAB reports and recommendations on setting boundaries for gardens in three areas – Gardenvay, Henry's Hollow and Hamilton Place – the city council

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## Students Learn by Doing And Help by Fund Raising

by Stephen Waldron

Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) is teaming up with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to raise money for cancer research.

The Pennies for Patients campaign is an opportunity for students and parents to donate money in support of scientists looking for a cure for cancer. In the case of the Middle School, a donation bucket has been making its way around the school since the fundraiser began on Feb. 3.

Jane Ness is a Spanish teacher in her sixth year at GMS and also serves as the advisor to the Student Government Association (SGA). She sees Pennies for Patients as a chance for students in the SGA to get hands-on experience in public service.

"They're running it for us," Ness said. "They're creating banners and encouraging other students to give money."

Ness is the co-chair of GMS' Pennies for Patients campaign along with technology teacher Angela Batten. The SGA spends a lot of time working on projects like the talent show and school dances, but Ness wants to make sure they understand the importance of charity.

"We tell the kids when they sign up," Ness said, "it's 50 percent philanthropic work for the community and 50 percent school programs."

Batten is in her second year as co-chair of the fundraiser and

believes that campaigns like Pennies for Patients are a good introduction to community service for students.

"We're always looking for ways to get our students involved in helping other people," Batten said. "This is a nice, easy way to get them started in that way of thinking."

GMS won an award from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in 2012 after raising over \$1250 during the campaign, according to Ness. The "Penny Plaque" is on display in the school's front office.

Batten and Ness agree that fund raising this year has been slower than in past years. They believe that this winter's harsh weather might be part of the problem.

"Snow days really throw a glitch into things," Batten said.

Because of school cancellations, the Washington chapter of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society asked GMS to extend their fund raising drive. As a result, the campaign will continue until Friday, Feb. 28.

"Some schools had to cancel their programs," Ness said, "so we were happy to extend it another week."

The SGA is using the extra time to make a final push in fund raising. Batten has been visiting classrooms to teach students

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## Saga of Southway Pothole Continues

Are there any Greenbelt drivers who have not yet encountered the pothole on Southway, on the way out of town just south of the BP station? You know, the one that's about the size of Berwyn Heights?

It all started earlier this month with a waterline break, according to City Manager Michael McLaughlin, who addressed the topic at the February 24 regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council. Although located within the city limits, this portion of Southway is under state maintenance and is the state's responsibility to fix. The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) fixed the waterline break promptly and has returned at least twice to patch the hole. Nonetheless, as the hole has continued to expand from the inner lane into the outer lane, Greenbelt's Department of Public Works has taken up arms against it, having twice installed two large steel plates to cover the hole temporarily.

McLaughlin explained that although the waterline was repaired, the ongoing wet weather and the changing temperatures have apparently weakened the roadway, causing the hole to reopen and grow larger. He opined that a longer stretch of warmer, dryer weather than the city has seen so far may be required for a proper repair.

In the meantime, McLaughlin assured council the city was keeping in touch with WSSC and the State Highway Administration. He said, "We're on it every day."

—Kathleen Gallagher

### What Goes On

Thursday, February 27

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Homes Inc. Board Meeting, 1 Hamilton Place.

Saturday, March 1

7 p.m. and Sunday, March 2 at 3 p.m., Youth Musical Perseus and the Gorgon, Community Center.

Sunday, March 2

1 to 4 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

Monday, March 3

8 p.m., Council Worksession, Greenbelt Station South Core TIF, Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and streaming at www.greenbeltdmd.gov/municipaltr.

Tuesday, March 4

7 p.m., Public Safety Advisory Committee, Community Center

7 p.m., Arts Advisory Board, Community Center.

Thursday, March 6

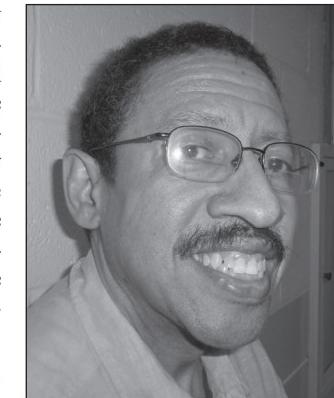
7:30 p.m., Council Worksession, GEAC, Greenbriar Community Center, 7600 Hanover Parkway.

## Black History Month

Black History Month celebrates the achievements of African Americans and is a time for recognizing their role in U.S. history. For the month of February, the News Review will run articles about the contributions of residents of African descent living in Greenbelt. News Review reporter Altoria Bell Ross is coordinating the series.

## Haley Is Screenings Manager For October's Film Festival

by Altoria Bell Ross



Alan Haley

cle, Alex Haley, wrote Roots: The Saga of an American Family that won the Pulitzer Prize and which ABC adapted into a television mini-series in 1977 that attracted a record-shattering 130 million viewers.

"To me, he was just Uncle Alex, who came by once in a blue moon and said 'hi,'" Haley said. "I didn't think of him as the celebrity."

At the time of Roots, Haley and his brother Chris were students at the College Park campus of the University of Maryland and were interviewed by the college for an article about their famous relative. Chris currently works in the archives in Annapolis for

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## March Artful Afternoon Offers Musical, Workshops and More

The Greenbelt Recreation Department's March 2 Artful Afternoon offers art and theater for all ages. Enjoy a musical adaptation of Perseus and the Gorgon, a block-printing workshop, a sculpture exhibition and more.

Artful Afternoons, a monthly program of the Greenbelt Recreation Department, take place at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Some activities are free. Times vary for individual activities.

At 3 p.m. see the Greenbelt Winter Youth Musical! A cast of 41 local teens will perform "Perseus and the Gorgon," an original work by Christopher Cherry. Youth and adults alike will enjoy this adventurous fairy tale adapted from the Greek myth with production design inspired by the fashions, legends and ceremonial traditions of India.

Tickets are available for a small fee at the Greenbelt Community Center business office; for information, write to rcampbell@greenbeltdmd.gov or call 301-397-2208. As available, remaining tickets will be sold at the door. This is a Broadway-length theat-

rical work, presented in two acts with an intermission.

### Print-making Workshop

Before the show, join Artist-in-residence Nora Simon for a free, all-ages print-making workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. Learn about traditional block-printing in India and print a repeated pattern on a cloth bandana to keep. All materials are provided. Guests are encouraged to wear appropriate creative "play" clothes as some of the art materials may not wash out.

From 1:30 to 3 p.m. visitors may meet artist Jordan Tierney at a reception for her new exhibition in the Community Center Art Gallery. Her "Intertidal Souls" exhibit will feature a mermaid, an enormous turtle shell re-imagined as a rowboat and other nautical-themed works, all speaking broadly to the many journeys in life. Admission is free and all ages are invited. The exhibit is open to the public during regular hours for the building when the room is not

See ARTFUL, page 7

# Letters

## Raw Deal?

This letter is in response to Michael Rall's letter to the editor in the February 20 issue titled "New Deal Raw Deal." Although I serve on the board of directors for the New Deal Café, I disagree with Mr. Rall's assertion that the Café board's firing of the general manager was well thought out or even in compliance with the Café bylaws, exemplified by the fact that the action was not on the executive session agenda.

A group of concerned members, including myself, has provided a letter to the board asking it to respond to several questions regarding this process, including the efforts made to follow the Café personnel policy, bylaws and the amount of deliberation that went into the decision. The letter can be read at [www.sites.google.com/site/newdealcafe-watch](http://www.sites.google.com/site/newdealcafe-watch).

Up to this point the board has not been forthcoming in public about this matter, choosing instead to cite confidentiality, since the action was conducted in executive session, even though the person most affected (Mrs. Rutledge) has waived her right to confidentiality.

I hope that the board will provide the membership transparency into the process that led to the general manager's firing, so that the membership can make an informed decision as to whether the board acted properly and with due diligence.

Finally, I want to make it clear that the views I have presented are my own and do not represent those of the New Deal Café Board of Directors.

*Neil McConlogue*

Send us a letter to share with your neighbors about your observations, concerns, gripes and accolades regarding local issues.

Letters must contain your name, address and phone number.

## Correction

Betsy Barber's review of the Marjorie Gray Art Show at the New Deal stated that it would run through the end of March. It should have said until March 3.

## ERHS Basketball Teams Seek State Playoff Success

by Patrick Gleason

Last season ended with a turnover-laden state semi-final playoff loss for the Eleanor Roosevelt Lady Raiders' basketball team. But this season the youthful squad – fielding no seniors – is determined to avenge last year's heartache as they have steamrolled to a 20-0 regular season record. Spearheading the impressive performances are junior Tolu Omokore, sophomore Kaila Charles and freshman Octavia Wilson.

Before attempting to complete last season's unfinished business in the state playoffs, Roosevelt looks to avenge last year's County Championship game loss as they tip off on Thursday, February 27, at 5:30 p.m. against Largo at Henry A. Wise High School in Upper Marlboro.

Their quest for a state title will then begin at home against Wise or Bowie at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 3. With a win, the Raiders will advance to another home game Wednesday, followed by the Region Championship on Friday, March 7.

The defending state champion boys' basketball team also begins its playoff pursuit this week after posting an impres-



sive 16-6 regular season, despite losing their top six scorers from a dominant 27-1 championship squad.

Roosevelt will travel to Suitland High Friday, February 28 for their 7 p.m. first round game.

The Raiders have been led by a host of former role and bench players from a season ago. The sharp shooting of Andre Fox, Trae Butler and Larry McCann coupled with the defensive presence of Quincy Winstead and Ishmail Jabbie have steadied the Raiders as head coach Brendan O'Connell aims for a seventh regional title in nine years.

*Patrick Gleason is a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.*

## Free Bach Concert

The Washington Bach Consort resumes its Noontime Cantata Series on Tuesday, March 4 from 12:10 to 1 p.m. at the Church of the Epiphany, 1317 G Street, N.W., near Metro Center. The performance will include the cantata "Herr, wie du willt, so schicks mit mir BWV 73" and an organ piece, "Toccata in F-sharp Minor" with organ soloist Jeremy Filsell.

The Bach Consort's free series of 50-minute concerts is presented on the first Tuesday of the month in fall and spring. For more information, visit [www.bachconsort.org](http://www.bachconsort.org).

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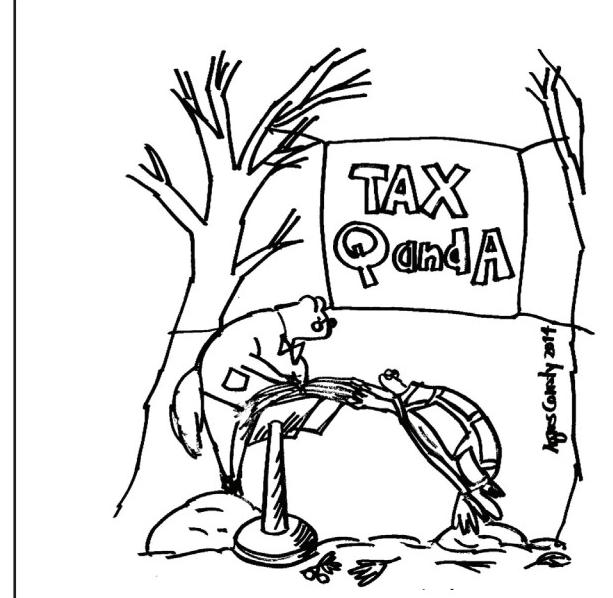
Green Ridge House, the City of Greenbelt's HUD Section 8-202 apartment building, will open its waiting list from March 3 through March 7, 2014, from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Green Ridge House is an independent living apartment building located at 22 Ridge Road. All applicants must apply in person and be 62 years of age or older or be a disabled adult.

All applicants must have with them a valid Maryland State ID or Driver's License and their Social Security card. All applicants will have a credit and criminal background check performed to determine eligibility. Applicants should be prepared to move within 30 days once they receive a call that a unit is available. Rent is based upon 30 percent of one's income within a maximum gross income of \$37,450 for individuals and \$42,800 for couples.

All apartments are one bedroom units. *Only applicants who would consider moving within the next 6 months to one year should apply.*



## Grin Belt



"If I donate half of my shell to the homeless, how much will it deduct from my taxes?"

## Bird Walk Thursday At Lake Artemesia

The Prince George's Audubon Society will host a guided bird walk at Lake Artemesia for migrating and resident songbirds, waterfowl and other birds on Thursday, March 6 at 3 p.m. The paved walk loops around the 38-acre lake and along Indian Creek.

Meet at the parking lot at Berwyn Road and Balew Avenue in Berwyn Heights. For more information call 301-459-3375.

## Free Movie for Seniors

On Tuesday, March 4 at 11 a.m. the Publick Playhouse in Cheverly will show Beasts of the Southern Wild (2012). In an isolated Louisiana bayou, a six-year-old girl with a buoyant spirit and extraordinary imagination contends with an ailing, abusive father and a storm that threatens to destroy her small community. Roger Ebert wrote, "Beasts of the Southern Wild is one of the year's best films." This film is free for ages 60 and over.

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# Community Events

## At the Library

Tuesday, March 4, 7 p.m. The African History and Culture lecture series continues with a presentation by historian C.R. Gibbs called "The N-Word: Its Origins and Evil Uses."

### Children's Programs

Wednesday, March 5, 10:30 a.m. A special Storytime for ages 2 to 5 years on Exploring our Solar System. Joined by Greenbelt Library staff, NASA Goddard scientists will lead an exploration of our solar system and universe through stories. The usual 20-person room limit applies.

Pick up a free ticket from the information desk before the session.

Thursday, March 6, 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Storytime for ages 2 to 5 years. A librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents that support early literacy by mixing stories with other fun activities including songs, rhymes and finger play.

For more information visit the Greenbelt Branch Library, call 301-345-5800 or go to [www.pgcmls.info](http://www.pgcmls.info) to review accounts,

renew materials or for other library services. For automated

phone renewal call 301-333-3111.

## GHI Notes

Friday February 28, Office Closed – Emergency Maintenance will be Available

Sunday March 2, 2 p.m. – Town Hall Meeting – (Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department,

125 Crescent Road)

Wednesday March 5, 6 p.m. – Investment Committee Meeting – Board Room

Wednesday March 5, 7:30 p.m. – Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room

Saturday March 8, 11 a.m. – Pre Purchase Orientation – Board Room

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## Lions Club, Hospital Sponsor Blood Drive

The Greenbelt Lions Club and Doctors

Community Hospital will co-sponsor a Red

Cross blood donation drive on Thursday,

March 6 from 10 a.m.

to 3:30 p.m. at the hospital at

8100 Good Luck Road.

Blood donors must be at least

17 years old and meet minimum

weight requirements. Bring a

donor card, driver's license or

two other forms of identification.

Appointments are encouraged but

not required.

For more information on don-

nating or to make an appoint-

ment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit

[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

## Arts Advisory Board To Meet in March

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet on Tuesday, March 4 at 7 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. For additional information, contact Nicole DeWald, staff liaison, at [ndewald@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:ndewald@greenbeltdmd.gov) or 240-542-2057.

## Windtalker Motz Returns to New Deal

Native American flute player Randy "Windtalker" Motz returns to the New Deal Café on Wednesday, March 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. with his mesmerizing multimedia show. Motz performs a distinctive style of contemporary Native American flute music that blends flute with lush orchestration and native percussion, weaving a warm and soothing musical tapestry.

In addition to a host of new songs, Windtalker will perform compositions from his CDs, as well as jazz, blues and classic rock songs that are sure to get feet tapping.

As an advocate for Native Americans, Windtalker will donate a portion of the proceeds from this concert to "Futures for Children," a charity that provides educational and leadership opportunities for Native American children on reservations in the Southwest.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club was pleased to learn there will be a new floor in the Multi-purpose Room in the Community Center. That ugly, stained carpet will be removed and non-skid tile will be put down. Hooray! No meeting on March 5 as this project will be in progress.

Come to the meeting on March 12. The program will be "Poems, Stories and Blarney." Bring a joke or a story, enjoy some good fellowship and admire the new floor.

## Senior Softball League Seeks New Players

The Greenbelters – the town's team in the Baltimore Beltway Senior Softball League – seeks new players with a competitive edge. Men must be 60 or older, women at least 55. Spring training begins in March. For details, call Manager George Harrison at 301-538-3636 or Deputy Manager Jasper Pendergrass at 202-321-0909.

More Community Events can be found throughout the paper.

## Foundation Holds Grant Writing Class

The Greenbelt Community Foundation will be offering a workshop on writing grant proposals Monday, March 10 at 7:30 pm in the Community Center. Bill Duncan will cover the basics of applying for a grant from the foundation including general tips for success. This workshop is free and open to the public.

Duncan, a former GCF Advisory Board Member, will provide guidance and help on how to apply. He has had a long career in nonprofit management and development, as well as extensive engagement with the Greenbelt community as a volunteer.

The Greenbelt Community Foundation has two grant cycles a year, awarding grants ranging from \$500 to \$5000 to local organizations, co-operatives and non-profits in Greenbelt. The next deadline for submitting applications is April 15, 2014.

More information about GCF, as well as application materials, can be found at [www.greenbelt-foundation.net](http://www.greenbelt-foundation.net).

## Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Friday, February 28 begins with John Guernsey on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then the Sligo Creek Stompers bring their raucous but refined blend of bluegrass, ragtime, jazz and Texas swing to the Cafe from 8 to 11 p.m.

Come by on Saturday, March 1 from 11 a.m. to noon for The TV John Variety Show. In the afternoon, Bruce Kitt will play classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. and Guernsey plays jazz and blues on piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., followed by Little Red and the Renegades hosting our Mardi Gras celebration from 8 to 11 p.m. Laissez Les Bon Temps Roulez!

Join the weekly Deaf Brunch on Sunday, March 2 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Harp 46 performs celtic harp, percussion and classic world music from 5 to 8 p.m.

## Should We Divest From Fossil Fuels?

Divestment is a concrete and actionable step that both individuals and groups can take to affect global change. Come to GCAN's March 5 meeting, 7 to 9:15 p.m. in the Community Center to learn more about divestment and discuss the possibility of starting a fossil-fuel divestment campaign.

The presentation features Matt Grason of Divest D.C. and Pete Murtha and Christine Pendzich of Divest Montgomery County. Although people and governments know urgent action is needed on climate change, retirement investments and government funds are supporting some of the most polluting companies driving climate change, and exerting undue influence over our political system to maintain the fossil fuel status quo. Taking a cue from the anti-Apartheid movement of the 1980s, a movement has sprung to life to convince universities, local and state governments, foundations and individuals to take investments in oil, gas and coal companies out of their portfolios. It turns out that fossil-fuel divestment is very low-risk and could actually improve one's bottom line.

Washington, D.C. is considering fossil fuel divestment legislation and Montgomery County is not far behind. Greenbelt and Prince George's County now have the opportunity to join their neighbors in taking a stand against fossil-fueled climate destruction.

For more information, contact Lore Rosenthal, Greenbelt Climate Action Network, [lore@simplicity-matters.org](mailto:lore@simplicity-matters.org), 301-345-2234

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## WEEK OF FEB 28

### FRIDAY, SATURDAY & TUESDAY

Son of God, PG-13 (!)

11:55, 12:40, 3:25, 4, 6:50, 9:55

Non-Stop, PG-13 (!)

11:25, 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10:10

About Last Night, R

11:40, 2:20, 5:10, 7:40, 9:30, 10:05

Pompeii, in 2D, PG-13 (!)

11:35, 2:15, 4:50, 7:35, 10:10

Robo Cop, PG-13

11:20, 1:50, 4:30, 7:10, 9:45

Lego, PG

11:55, 2:30, 5, 7, 7:25, 9:50

3 Days to Kill, PG-13 (!)

11, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15

### SUNDAY, MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

Son of God, PG-13 (!)

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Non-Stop, PG-13 (!)

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About Last Night, R

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Pompeii, PG-13 (!!)

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Robo Cop, PG-13

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Lego, PG

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3 Days to Kill, PG-13 (!)

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### THURSDAY

300: Rise of an Empire, in 2D, R (!)

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300: Rise of an Empire, in 3D, R (!)

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## Greenbelt Arts Center DON'T MISS

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Auditions: Habeus Corpus – March 1

The Creation of the World and Other Business – March 21 - April 5 - guest production from Off the Quill

Celtic Concert – April 26 – Homespun Ceilidh Band

For information & reservations, call 301-441-8770 or

email: [info@greenbelt](mailto:info@greenbeltartscenter.org)

# Obituaries

## Louise E. Smith

Louise Elaine Smith of Gard-  
enway, died peacefully on March  
12, 2013.

Mrs. Smith was born May 29,  
1947, daughter of Louise and the  
late Anthony Hagedorn.

She is survived by son Charles  
(Rebecca) Smith; grandchildren  
Nathaniel and Naomi Smith; and  
siblings Michael Hagedorn, Susan  
Flesher, Janet Simpson, Anthony  
Hagedorn and Kathy Spar. She  
is also survived by many other  
loving family and friends.

Memorial contributions may  
be made to The Fourth Presby-  
terian Church Deacon Fund or the  
American Diabetes Association,  
P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA  
22312.

## James Clifton

### Leckliter, Jr.

James Clif-  
ton Leckliter, Jr.  
died unexpect-  
edly of a heart  
attack at his  
home in Mont-  
gomery, Texas,  
on February 1,  
2014.



## Elizabeth May (Betty) Shifflett

Elizabeth  
May (Betty)  
Shifflett died  
on February  
18, 2014. She  
is survived by  
her son Dean,  
daughter-in-  
law Paula and  
grandson Wesley of Gaithersburg,  
Md.; daughter Dorothy Chrismer,  
son-in-law Ronald and grand-  
son Jeffrey of Laurel, Md.; and  
sister Ellen Domchick of Wheaton,  
Md., as well as 28 nieces  
and nephews. Betty's parents  
were Salvatore and Dorothy Gussio,  
formerly of 62-A Crescent  
Road. Betty's sister, Ellen, and  
her brother, the late Carl Gussio  
were initially raised in Wash-  
ington, D.C. At the age of 5,  
in 1937, Betty's family was one  
of the first families to move to  
Greenbelt. Betty attended Green-



Mr. Leckliter was born in  
1947 and grew up in Greenbelt,  
as did his children. He was a volunteer  
baseball coach for the little  
league, as well as for the Raiders  
football. He was a member of the  
Greenbelt American Legion Post  
#136, the local VFW lodge, the  
Eagles and the AMVets. While  
living in the 16 Court of Ridge  
Road, he took great pride in his  
yard and house – they were always  
immaculate. Friends and  
neighbors may remember his  
working at Woody's gas station,  
his great affection for his Harley  
and for his antique cars. He  
spent many a day working on  
all his vehicles. Not only was  
he a hard working individual, he  
was always a very lucky man.  
Whether he was playing pull tabs  
at the Legion or various pools  
(NASCAR, football, etc.), he was  
always a winner.

Mr. Leckliter, known as Jimbo,  
had a smile for everyone whether  
he knew them or not. He had a  
big heart and would do anything  
for his family or friends. He truly  
enjoyed helping his neighbors,  
and he had a very loving relationship  
with his grandmother, caring for her and her gardening  
needs. He also had a special  
place in his heart for Michael  
D. and Billy Orton, best friends,  
both of whom preceded him in  
death. He had a portrait on his  
Harley of his comrade, Michael  
D. Spending his weekends with  
family at Indian Acres always  
brought him great enjoyment.  
He'd enjoy sitting around the  
campfire roasting hot dogs and  
marshmallows. He loved to laugh  
and make others laugh. He will  
be missed.

Mr. Leckliter is survived by

his ex-wife/best friend, Christa  
Leckliter of Fredericksburg, Va.;  
son, James Leckliter, III, of St.  
Louis, Mo. (Ratna); daughter,  
Tina Strickland of Md. (Steve);  
son, Donald Leckliter of Freder-  
icksburg, Va. (Shana); and eight  
grandchildren. He is also survived  
by siblings, Linny Leckliter, John  
Leckliter and Marlene Leckliter  
Carlton. Preceding him in death  
were his parents, James C. Leck-  
liter Sr. and Marcedes Leckliter;  
his sister, Nina Ledbetter; and  
his grandmother, Grace Garnand.  
He had other relatives and friends  
(too numerous to mention).

A celebration of his life will  
be held at the Greenbelt Ameri-  
can Legion Post #136 on March  
8 from 2 to 6 p.m. In lieu of  
flowers donations in his name  
may be made to the American  
Heart Association.

belt High School and later mar-  
ried Carol Shifflett. Carol and  
Betty were married on May 19,  
1951. In 1952, they bought their  
first home at 19-G Hillside Road  
where Betty and Carol raised  
Dean and Dorothy.

One of Betty's first jobs was  
working part-time at the doctor's  
offices of Wodak, Weintraub and  
Bergman at the Greenbelt Profes-  
sional Building while Dorothy  
and Dean were still in elemen-  
tary and junior high school. In  
1978, Betty began a career at the  
University of Maryland Graduate  
School Admissions – a career  
that lasted over 23 years. Some  
of Betty's hobbies were bowling  
when Dorothy and Dean were  
young (and Betty was young).  
She loved to read books and cro-  
cheted for many years. In later  
years, she enjoyed watching any  
crime/detective show – CSI was  
one of her favorites!

Betty and Carol loved to go  
to Piney Point, Md. The home in  
Piney Point belonged to her par-  
ents, and was Betty and Carol's  
usual vacation spot. Later they  
purchased the Piney Point home  
from her parent's estate. They  
planned to retire there permanent-  
ly until cancer took Carol's life  
in 2003. Carol and Betty were  
married for 52 years. After Carol's  
death, she moved to Rider-  
wood Village in Silver Spring in  
2004 after living in Greenbelt for  
nearly 60 years!

Betty is now reunited with her  
husband, Carol, and many other  
close friends and family. She  
was buried next to Carol and her  
parents at the Greenbelt Cemetery  
on February 22, 2014.



Cleave tenaciously unto that  
which will lead to the well-  
being and tranquility of all  
mankind. This span of earth is  
but one homeland and one habitation.  
**(Baha'u'llah)**



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**ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-474-4322



### Mass Schedule:

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

**Sacrament of Penance:** Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

**Pastor:** Rev. Walter J. Tappe

## Mishkan Torah Congregation



10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

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Friday evening services 8:00 PM except first Friday of the month,  
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For further information call 301 474-4223 [www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)  
Conservative and Reconstructionist

## Free Pancake Supper On Shrove Tuesday

On Tuesday, March 4, Mowatt  
Memorial United Methodist  
Church will have a free Pancake  
Supper from 5 to 7 p.m., fol-  
lowed by a movie.

On Wednesday, March 5, at 7  
p.m. the church will hold an Ash  
Wednesday service. The church  
is located at 40 Ridge Road.



Condolences to the family and  
friends of pioneer Greenbelter  
Elizabeth (Betty) May Gussio  
Shifflett, 81, who died February  
18, 2014. She was a member of  
Greenbelt High School's class  
of 1950.

Those who took "shop" at  
Greenbelt Junior High in the 1950s  
may remember their teacher, Hugh  
Francis Bunnell, who lived in  
Greenbelt while teaching here. Mr.  
Bunnell, who had a long career in  
education in various locations in  
Maryland, died in Port Charlotte,  
Fla., on February 18, 2014, at the  
age of 101. Condolences to his  
family and friends.

To send information for "Our  
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message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

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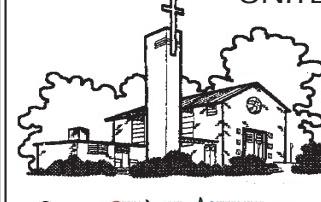
**Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor**



**Worship Service 10 a.m.**

## Greenbelt Community Church

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Clara Young, Interim Pastor

## Special Talk on Hebrews 6 At GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

Is salvation in Christ forever? Special guest from Wales, Tom Holland, will speak on the implications of this passage on the security of a believer's salvation. Tom Holland is a professor of New Testament at the Wales Evangelical School of Theology. He holds degrees from Cambridge University, London University, and a PhD from the University of Wales.

101 Greenhill Road Greenbelt, MD 20770  
(301) 474-4212 [www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)

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March 2, 10 a.m.

A Sense of Wonder Amid Signs of Doom

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Dayna Edwards, Director of Religious Exploration  
We honor Women's History Month by drawing from the life  
of Rachel Carson, who lived and worked locally, and is often  
credited with launching the modern ecology movement.

Today is Signing Sunday - for those ready to make the  
commitments of membership, please meet the Minister  
and Trustee at the chalice after the service.



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By Christopher Cherry

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Saturday, March 1 at 7:00 pm

Sunday, March 2 at 3:00 pm

Saturday, March 8 at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road

Tickets: \$5 Advance purchase: Call 301-397-2208

### MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF March 3-7

Monday, March 3 at 8pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Greenbelt Station South Core TIF** at Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov/municipaltv](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/municipaltv)

Tuesday, March 4 at 7pm, **PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** at Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Open to the public.

Tuesday, March 4 at 7pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD** at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Info: 240-542-2057

Wednesday, March 5 at 8pm, **EXECUTIVE SESSION** (see notice to the right)

Thursday, March 6 at 7:30pm, **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/GEAC** at Greenbriar Community Center, 7600 Hanover Parkway.

**This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.**

### THERE ARE SOME LONELY HEARTS AT THE ANIMAL SHELTER THAT REALLY NEED SOME LOVE IN THEIR LIVES:



**Spirit and Hope:** Last weekend, the Greenbelt Police and Animal Shelter rescued two live ferrets that were placed in a trash bag, thrown into a dumpster and left to die. A good citizen called the police when they noticed a bag moving in the dumpster. The ferrets are in good health, but were very thirsty at the time they came into the shelter. Now named Spirit and Hope, both ferrets are light in color, are friendly and love playing with their 'Kong toy.' After what they have been through, Spirit and Hope are ready to be adopted into a loving home where they will be treated with kindness.

**Tink:** Tink is a young American Staffordshire Terrier mix, about 2-yrs-old. She was a breeding dog but has since been spayed. Tink LOVES to fetch, give kisses and is very attentive. She's smart and learns quickly. She knows several commands including "sit" "lie down" and "roll over." Tink also loves the water! She will dive for a toy, and loves splashing around in our baby pool. Please come visit Tink and let her show you what a cool dog she is!

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**Download the 2014 SPRING AND SUMMER CAMP BROCHURE at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/recreation)**

### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Park and Recreation Advisory Board, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and Youth Advisory Committee

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Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:00-11:15 AM. Sign up for the whole session or Drop-In. For more information download the Recreation Activity Guide at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/recreation) or call 301-397-2208

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

In accordance with Section 10-508(a)(14) of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of the Public General Laws of Maryland, an Executive Session of the Greenbelt City Council will be held on Wednesday, March 5, 2014, at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Library of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the contents of proposals received to Develop an Economic Development Strategy.  
Cindy Murray CMC, City Clerk

### Notice of Charter Amendment Resolution

At its regular meeting of February 24, 2014, the City Council adopted a resolution to amend the City Charter. As required by state law, this resolution will be posted in its entirety for 40 days, until April 5, 2014, at the Municipal Building, as well as on the City's Web site at [www.greenbeltdmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov). Copies may also be requested of the City Clerk. It will become effective on April 25, 2014, unless a proper petition to submit the amendment to the voters on a referendum is filed as permitted by law. As also required by state law, this notice is given to provide a fair summary of the resolution.

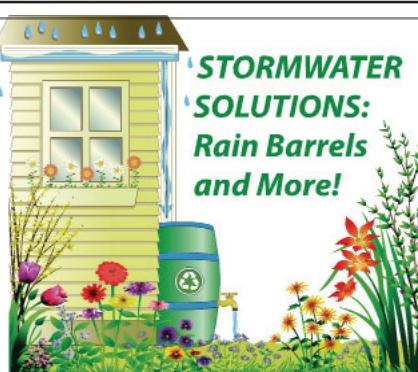
Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2014-1

A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition as Amended), Title, Corporation-Municipal, Subtitle "Home Rule" to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or In Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Services Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Amending Section 8, Titled "Same-Quorum, Procedure" (Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2014-1)

Purpose: To amend the City Charter to allow a member of Council to abstain from voting so long as such member gives a reason for abstaining and such reason falls within one of the following:

1. When to vote would or could be considered improper pursuant to the City and State Ethics Laws.
2. When to vote could or may show bias for or against a person, organization or business that the member has a close personal relationship with thus reflecting poorly on the member and the office such member holds.
3. When for any other reason a member is not comfortable voting and has given the Chair a reason for requesting to abstain so long as excused by the Chair or Council by vote.

For additional information, contact Cindy Murray, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or [cmurray@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltdmd.gov).



Rain Check Rebate program. The funding for these rebates comes from the polluted runoff fee that will save you \$\$\$ and improve water quality! The workshop also includes:

- Eco-tour of Greenbelt Public Works facility of green infrastructure
- Educational and fun activities for families, including a watershed model
- Opportunity to purchase and decorate your very own rain barrel!

**Saturday, March 15, 2014**

**(10:00 AM to 3:00 PM)**

**Greenbelt Public Works Building  
555 Crescent Road**

This FREE workshop provides solutions to stormwater runoff and pollution. Homeowners, churches, and community members can learn about rain barrels and the connection to watershed health along with the ins and outs of Prince George's County

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**Registration required at <https://storwatersolutions.eventbrite.com>  
Spaces are limited! FREE and OPEN to the public.**

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the state of Maryland, conducting research on runaway slaves. Alan, who graduated in 1979 with a degree in advertising and applied design, began his printing career as the pressman at the University of Maryland Book Center.

"I was a one man press. That was me."

One of his memorable jobs was printing the program of Len Bias. Bias was a University of Maryland basketball forward selected by the Boston Celtics as the second overall pick in the 1986 NBA Draft, who died two days later from cardiac arrhythmia induced by a cocaine overdose.

After leaving Maryland, Haley pursued other careers but kept coming back to the printing press. Today, he works for API, making company tee shirts with logos and attending trade shows. Haley said when Roots was popular the company produced a dozen family reunion tee shirts a month for people, "putting families together again." He said relatives were looking forward to seeing grandma and distant cousins and "making an effort to join together as a family."

In the Greenbelt family, the Film Festival has accepted several of Haley's animated films, said Susan Gervasi, festival executive director. She also

said Haley manages one of the projectors during the festival and advises on technical matters where equipment is concerned.

"He is one of our most reliable volunteers," she said. "He loves good films and has a good understanding of what kinds of films Utopia audiences are interested in. Alan is one of the truly nicest people I know."

The Film Festival is a non-profit project of the Greenbelt Access Television (GATE), the festival's primary sponsor, which Haley joined in 1998. George Kochell, GATE production manager, said Haley is an active board member who is always at the studio putting in extra hours. Kochell said Haley helps in the studio doing shoots, adjusting the lights and cameras and guiding the talent all while covering the evening hours at the studio.

In addition, GATE recently upgraded its equipment and Kochell said Haley has been first in line to take the technology and equipment classes.

All in all, Haley hopes to one day have the films from the festival shown on television or in local theaters outside of Greenbelt.

"People are getting better at making films and pushing the envelope," he said. "However, we are family based. We are not looking for shock value here."

## Cooks Potatoes At Botanic Garden

On Thursday, March 6, and again on March 13, at noon and again at 12:45 p.m. each day, the U.S. Botanic Gardens will offer a free cooking demonstration, We Say Potatoes, led by Adrienne Cook, gardening specialist and Danielle Cook Navidi, nutritionist. Join the Cook Sisters to explore the many varieties of potatoes and what each is best for and, of course, a taste of different ways of cooking them. Whether sweet or savory, the Cook Sisters will have new ideas on what to do with one of nature's staples. No pre-registration required.

## County Offers Meeting On Primary Health Care

On Saturday, March 1 Prince George's County and the Prince George's County Planning Department of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) will hold an interactive county-wide community meeting on primary health care and the New Regional Medical Center. Registration will take place from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. followed by the meeting from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Jericho Christian Academy.

The county-wide meeting will provide community leaders, residents and stakeholders an opportunity to give input on improving the county's health care system, to discuss health promotion and disease prevention as well as ways to enhance the community's quality of life.

Attendees must RSVP at [www.pgplanning.org/PHCSP.htm](http://www.pgplanning.org/PHCSP.htm). Free parking is available and continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Attendees who will need translation service can call 301-952-3195.

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about the program and the school is calling parents to encourage donations.

In its final week, SGA members urged students to donate on what they called "Two Dollar Tuesday." Ness said that the idea behind the promotion is to raise enough money to pay the salaries of two cancer researchers for one week.

"We have so many students that if everyone brings in a little bit," Ness said, "it helps out a lot."

According to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, students across the nation have raised \$233 million for cancer research since the Pennies for Patients campaign began in 1994.

As for the students of GMS, this campaign is just one of the charity projects they have taken on this year. Ness said that she finds these programs as rewarding as the students do.

"I just love giving to the community," Ness said, "and doing any project we can with the SGA."

GMS will be taking donations for Pennies for Patients until Friday. Ness believes that the students get a lot out of giving back.

"They love to see what they do impact the community."

*Stephen Waldron is a graduate student at the Philip Merrill School of Journalism at the University of Maryland.*

## Learn about Beavers At Wildlife Refuge

On Wednesday, March 5 from 10 to 11 a.m., children age 5 to 7 can learn about beavers and discover the clever techniques these cool and resourceful animals use to live in the wild in a hands-on program.

Public programs at the Patuxent Research Refuge are free, although advance registration is required by calling 301-497-5887. For more information visit the website at [www.patuxent.fws.gov](http://www.patuxent.fws.gov).

The Visitor Center is located on Powder Mill Road between the B-W Parkway and Rt. 197.

## Genealogical Society Holds March Meeting

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will meet Wednesday, March 5, at 7 p.m. in the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway.

After a brief business meeting, Patty Shawker will present "Rebel or Yankee: Researching Civil War Pensions."

All are welcome to attend this free presentation.

For additional information see [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdpgcgs](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdpgcgs) or call 301-262-2063.

## Free First Fridays At Montpelier

Come and enjoy all that Montpelier Mansion has to offer on the first Friday of each month from March through October. Special events include: Pocketful of Stories, a preschool story and activity time from 10 to 11 a.m., free self-guided tours of Montpelier from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the playing of old-fashioned tavern games in the East Wing from 3 to 6 p.m. Events are free.

Montpelier Mansion is located at 9650 Muirkirk Road (Muirkirk Road at Route 197), Laurel.

For more information call 301-377-7817, TTY 301-699-2544.

## Montpelier Mansion Woodturners Exhibit

On Saturday, March 1 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Montpelier Mansion will hold a free opening reception celebrating the Chesapeake Woodturners Exhibit. The reception will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

Prior to the reception, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., a Woodturners Apprentice Workshop will be held where children ages 5 and up, for a nominal fee, can learn techniques from real woodturners.

The free exhibit will be on display daily except Wednesdays, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. during March. For more information contact staff at 301-377-7817.

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The Greenbelt Community Foundation Advisory Board

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scheduled a worksession with FPAB and the Garden Club on February 19. That meeting is reported in another article in this paper. As a result of it, several items were brought to the February 24 regular meeting of the council for action. Mayor Emmett Jordan said Councilmember Judith Davis had asked that these matters be placed on the agenda.

Davis made a complicated motion including the following: that a continuous routine maintenance zone buffer would be established around the gardens at Gardenway, Henry's Hollow and Hamilton Place; that the routine maintenance zone should measure eight feet in depth measured from the outermost garden fencing, except that it would be six feet along the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) boat yard fence and not extend into GHI property; that there would be no maintenance by the city on GHI property at the Gardenway gardens. She further explained that after the initial clearance and maintenance work, city public works staff (and no one except public works staff) will undertake maintenance twice per year; and while gardeners have access to the buffer area, they may not use it to expand gardens.

Davis commented that FPAB had stipulated a lengthy list of trees that should be saved but council said the list should be limited to significant trees. She said the list had been reduced to four and that councilmembers needed to go and look at them. Public Works Assistant Director Jim Sterling said the four trees have green ribbon tied around them. He said that staff is not in favor of keeping any of these trees since they have various growth problems and would be better reclaimed for garden area or access. He also said that the trees in question would not inhibit staff's ability to start working in the maintenance area.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts stated his belief that considerably more trees may need to be removed near the Hamilton Place gardens in order for the gardens not to be shaded. He said he did not think council should take action on removing trees now but should wait until after boundaries had been established for the gardens. Without boundaries, he said council would be out of compliance with its own ordinance if it authorized removals. He said council was putting the cart before the horse and that it made no sense to try to evaluate the shade impact of

trees in February. He also urged that FPAB's recommendations on the trees be seriously considered.

Bob Snyder, chair of FPAB, spoke to say that the board would like to keep the larger of the oak trees but that he did not view preserving the four trees as a stumbling block. Martha Tomecek, chair of the Garden Club, said they were supportive of the eight-foot maintenance zone and wished to continue to be part of the ongoing discussion.

The original motion passed unanimously. A motion regarding the fate of the four trees will be brought forward at the next regular council meeting on March 10, after councilmembers have had time to look at them.

Davis enumerated some of the other issues that have been deferred for future discussion. These topics include the permanent boundaries of the gardens, maintenance beyond the eight-foot clearance area when the gardens are impacted; use of pesticides; the status of the Garden Club's designated access paths and the expansion of gardens and establishment of new gardens. She stressed that only the first steps had been taken at this meeting, with many more to come.

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PHOTO BY NICOLE DEWALD

Sculpture by M. Jordan Tierney

reserved for a special use. The show will continue through April 11.

### Open House

The Community Center's artists-in-residence will host a studio open house and sale from 1 to 4 p.m. on the Community Center's third floor. Visitors can also see the Greenbelt Museum's current exhibit at the Community Center, "Greenbelt: The First 75 Years." In celebration of Greenbelt's 75th anniversary, the exhibit explores the city's history through an interactive timeline. Admission is free to both activities.

For more local history, tour the Greenbelt Museum's historic house at 10-B Crescent Road, across the street from the Community Center. Tours are available between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. for a small fee (or free with membership).

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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

## Strong Arm Robbery

February 14, 6:15 p.m., 9200 Springhill Lane. A man walking down the street was approached by two suspects, demanding his cellphone as one punched him in the face. The suspects fled on foot after obtaining the phone.

## Robbery

February 16, 6:40 p.m., Cherrywood Lane and Greenbelt Metro Drive. Two suspects approached a man walking down Cherrywood Lane, one of whom produced a handgun and announced a robbery. The suspects fled the scene on a single mountain bike after obtaining a cellphone, iPod and jewelry. The suspects are described as a black male in his twenties, 5'9" to 5'10", 130 to 160 pounds, wearing a black and blue fleece jacket, black ski pants and a ski-type mask; and a black male in his twenties, 5'9" to 5'10", 130 to 160 pounds, wearing all black clothing.

## Burglary

February 16, 9 a.m., 7500 Greenway Center Drive. The front door glass of Uptown Deli was broken out by an unknown person, who entered the store, removed the cash register and fled the scene. A possible suspect is described as a black male, 6' to 6'5", 200 to 230 pounds, with a beard, wearing a dark colored hooded jacket, a white shirt, black pants, black shoes and black gloves.

February 16, 12 p.m., 7300 Hanover Parkway. The front window of a commercial building was forced open by an unknown person. Money was taken.

February 16, 1 p.m., 5900 Cherrywood Terrace. A woman locked her front door as she left the residence to take out her trash. Upon returning, she found her front door open. Nothing appeared to be stolen.

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## DWI/DUI Arrest

February 16, 5:45 a.m., Crescent Road and Southway. A 38-year-old resident man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol and traffic-related offenses as a result of a traffic accident investigation. He was released on citations pending trial.

## Arrest

February 16, 3:44 p.m., 7500 Greenbelt Road. As a result of a traffic stop for an equipment violation, a 22-year-old non-resident was arrested and charged with possession of codeine syrup, possession of paraphernalia and driving on a suspended license. A 20-year-old nonresident was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and paraphernalia. The former was released on citation pending trial; the latter was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court commissioner.

## Automotive Crime

The following vandalism occurred between February 13 and 17:

5800 Cherrywood Lane. An unknown person used unknown means to break out a driver's side window.

9100 Edmonston Court. A tire was slashed by an unknown person.

9100 Edmonston Court. An unknown person slashed two tires and scratched the vehicle with an unknown object.

6600 Lake Park Drive. An unknown person scratched an obscenity and poured an unknown liquid on a vehicle.

The following thefts occurred between February 15 and 16:

6000 Springhill Drive. Stereo equipment and dashboard accessories were removed by an unknown person.

7200 Mandan Road. A GPS unit was taken from an unlocked vehicle.



PHOTO BY YEVGENY TRAPEZNICKOV

Forest board members, gardeners and city staff gather to discuss Forest Preserve maintenance guidelines.

## Forest Board and Gardeners Duke It Out over Maintenance

by Yevgeny Trapeznikov

Those who attended a meeting of the minds back in mid-July of 2012 could spot striking similarities with the work session last Wednesday. Discontented community gardeners, representatives of the Forest Preserve Advisory Board (FPAB), city staff and councilmembers and a handful of unaffiliated city residents all came together to hear public deliberations pertaining to community gardens.

While two years ago the discussion revolved around the possibility of expansion of the gardens, the session agenda on Wednesday focused on the establishment of the maintenance zone around the gardens to secure their viability.

"City staff is recommending that all vegetation be removed, including trees proposed by FPAB to be retained. The reason is simple – we are establishing a maintenance zone," said Celia Craze, director of Planning and Community Development, defining the agenda of the session.

There are three established areas which Greenbelt's community gardening club has been using since 1937. The gardens are comprised of 20 plots at Gardenway, 23 plots at Hamilton Place and 26 plots at Henry's Hollow, also on Hamilton Place.

Although the gardens have been in place for more than seven decades, their daily survival and maintenance up to now have not involved the city. These have been tough years of futile fights against forest encroachment which now constitutes a serious shade issue.

Maps prepared by the Garden Club show how over half of the garden plots at Gardenway do not get the required sunshine.

Plots at Hamilton Place and Henry's Hollow are visibly better. However, those south and southwest of the cemetery at Hamilton Place seem to suffer most from shading. A significant lack of sunshine is experienced by the easternmost plots at Henry's Hollow in the morning and one sixth of the southern part of the westernmost plots are also affected.

All this translates, according to community garden coordinator Lauren Whitaker, into the inability by gardeners to grow vegetables such as tomatoes, cu-

cumbers and peppers.

The city is trying to deliver on a seven-year old promise implied in the Management and Maintenance (M&M) Guidelines.

In 2003 the Forest Preserve was established. Next, guidelines defined relationships between the preserve, gardens, cemetery and a few other sites.

"The community gardens remain an integral part of the social structure and cooperative spirit of the city," according to the Guidelines. "While some may find the community gardens unattractive and unkempt, the gardens are part of the fabric of Greenbelt and deserve to be protected, both in area and in operation."

The Contingencies section of the Guidelines contains references to "pruning or removal of vegetation" to protect community gardens "to the extent necessary to maintain the limits of the gardens and to remove any canopy that obstructs the clearstory of the garden area." But such an area has never been defined nor has any maintenance work been carried out.

"The idea is to set a buffer zone that everybody agrees to. This will allow for routine work twice a year to clean out the area," said Craze, who is staff liaison. According to Craze, the staff statement will help delineate zone and maintenance activities conducted in a "predictable and accountable" way.

However, during one of its recent meetings, FPAB had approved a recommendation that "the existing garden plot fences should be viewed as the garden boundaries" while the eight-foot maintenance buffer zone should not be considered additional garden space. The Club, however, is opposed to setting any permanent limits at eight feet from the exterior fencing.

"While the Garden Club generally agrees with city staff's approach (defining an 8-foot maintenance zone to be kept free of trees and then working out wider buffers where needed to deal with shade issues), we disagree with defining the eight-foot maintenance zone based on current exterior fencing," Martha Tomecek, Club president, wrote in a letter to councilmembers January 28.

According to Tomecek, this approach does not take into account

that current use of the gardens includes access corridors – the pathways the gardeners use to get to and around garden plots – and several other areas outside of the fencing which the Club identified on a map.

Tomecek also added that existing plot fences were put up after 2000, the last year when gardens had plowing done.

"We put the fences as we thought fit at that time. And what some folks want to deem as permanent boundaries were never actually determined so," said Tomecek. Member of the executive committee Bob Trumbull added that existing fences should be considered as artifacts rather than the outcome of any formal decision.

As part of its recommendations, FPAB has initially proposed to spare over 40 trees in different locations within the intended 8-foot buffer. City staff has declined the proposal as devoid of scientific basis or recognized criteria used by FPAB to select trees worthy of protection, with the exception of a large 25-inch willow oak tree which is on the list of the city's 14 significant trees. Councilmember Judith Davis suggested that a few more sizeable trees, at Gardenway and Henry's Hollow, identified in earlier FPAB reports, were flagged.

"What I suggest is to flag the trees and see if they are going to be a problem for maintenance equipment," said Davis.

With about 55 trees larger than two inches in diameter to be cut by city maintenance, some gardeners felt that this was not enough.

"The size of the tree is what constitutes the problem. My plot is directly under that (large willow oak). This tree can grow to over 100-foot," said Nikki Prive, a gardener, who was concerned that the fast-growing oak may in a few years completely shade her plots, making gardening impossible.

While council is still to give a final vote on the recommendations, the club seemed content about the progress.

"I think the achievement is that we're hopefully at the starting point of having this maintenance zone as a beginning step. And it seems like everybody is in agreement with that," said Tomecek.

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A Review

# Our Town: Come and Spend an Evening at Goddard

by Amy Hansen

Last Saturday night, February 22, we went to Grover's Corners, N.H. In the Music and Drama (MAD) production of Our Town at NASA Goddard, we travelled not only to New Hampshire but back in time.

Our Town, by Thornton Wilder, is often thought of as pure nostalgia, a wish for an Americana small town of the early 20th century. But the play's strengths – skillfully executed by this production – come not from what they are saying is right in the world, but what they are saying is wrong.

Oh sure, it is beautiful in rural New Hampshire. And life may be good overall, but that doesn't mean people don't have anything to complain about. And their complaints bring the characters to life.

Mrs. Gibbs (Victoria Buckland) is mildly annoyed that her husband fixates on Civil War battlefields. Mrs. Webb (Karen Levay) tells her children to eat breakfast more slowly and not to spend time worrying about how they look. The children complain about homework. Real people have complaints.

So far, this could be my town. I happily settled in for a visit.

But unlike visiting Greenbelt, our visit to Grover's Corners is guided by an affable and omniscient Stage Manager (Randy Barth) who tells us up front that some of our new friends are going to die. That's what people do, he explains; they live, love and die. But even with this warning, the third act is a tear-jerker.

**Skillful Direction**

And yet, for all the sadness, director Jon Gardner skillfully kept his cast away from both the saccharine and macabre. Instead we saw relaxed characters as they painted a portrait of their town. Even the dead people in the third act seemed real.

Gardner, one of the many Greenbelters in the cast and crew, said he had first read Our Town while in college. When he finished it, he decided, "If I ever direct a play, this is the play I will direct." He said he likes the play for its sense of community and the universality of the themes.

Which isn't to say the good folk of Grover's Corners address everything we might face. It is, after all, set in a small, fairly homogenous town at the beginning of the 20th century. Poverty is not mentioned. Women are expected to keep house. Careers are for men.

On a lighter note, there's no dealing with snow or school closings. There's no government shut down. None of these characters are debating a sequester or a debt ceiling.



Lelia Moors (Mrs. Soames) comments on the wedding.



PHOTOS BY JON GARDNER

At choir rehearsal, John McCloskey (Simon Stimson) directs (from left) Becky Granatstein, Lelia Moors (Mrs. Soames), and Vickie Buckland (Mrs. Gibbs) as Susan Breon plays the organ

And yet their lives, even presented in the starkness of an almost bare-stage, are relevant. A young girl complains about what she has to wear. Parents grumble about their children not helping. Hopes and wishes are revealed. Tragedies witnessed. Connections are made. The genius of Thornton Wilder is to show us the every town within the specific town of Grover's Corners.

This production's strength lies in its ability not to play to the audience but in telling the characters' stories. And we, the audience, find our lives further

nourished by seeing how our own stories fit with the stories the actors tell so well.

**Show Times**

Our Town runs weekends until March 8. Show times are 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and at 2:30 p.m. on Sundays.

There will be a sign language interpretation on Saturday, March 1 and an audio description on Sunday, March 2. Please call if you have requests for other disability accommodations.

For more information, visit [www.madtheater.org](http://www.madtheater.org), or call 240-475-8800.

**Art Gallery Concert Features Bach**

The National Gallery of Art's monthly free concert will take place on Sunday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Garden Court.

Pianist Peter Vinograde, and the National Gallery of Art Vocal Ensemble will perform works by J.S. Bach, including English Suites nos. 4, 5 and 6 and *Jesus meine Freude*.

**Botanic Garden Looks at Orchids**

Saturday, March 1 from 10:30 a.m. to noon, the U.S. Botanic Garden (USBG) will present a lecture, *Orchid Symphony – First Movement: Evolution Biogeography and Ecology*, by Todd Brethauer, USBG Volunteer. This informative lecture will cover the evolution, biogeography and ecology of orchids in conjunction with the USBG Orchid Symphony exhibition.

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*A Review*

# On Memory Lane with Come Back to the 5 and Dime

by Jim Link

Then and now; past and present; adolescent dreams and adult regret: Come Back to the 5 and Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean disarms the audience with a sweet walk down memory lane, then jolts it with a searing, relentless peeling away of those "facades that we erect in front of our real selves to keep us safe," in the words of director Franklin Akers.

Specifically, a gaggle of teenage girls reunites 20 years after the death of their screen idol James Dean, in a 5 and Dime in McCarthy, Texas, to celebrate and mourn both Dean and their vanished selves. Veterans of life's inevitable ambushes and heartbreak, the still fervent Disciples of James Dean have experienced much but learned nothing — except how to bury their authentic selves under layers of fragile vanity, distorted motives, false morality. Self-deceit is an accomplished art for these girls/women.

This smooth, professional production now at the Greenbelt Arts Center will make you laugh, wince and even gasp at the shockers near the end. No spoilers here, but you could leave the theater cheerfully humming the McGuire Sisters' "Sincerely," anxious to see "Giant" again while cringing at the savagery we can inflict on each other.

Written by Ed Graczyk, CBTFAD, JD, JD was a successful Broadway play in 1976 and a successful movie in 1982, directed by Robert Altman with Karen Black, Kathy Bates, Sandy Dennis and Cher.

Akers' very polished cast includes Gaye Negri as Juanita, the 5 and dime's rigid, Jesus-obsessed proprietress who has convinced herself that her husband Sidney is a saint. Rachel



Gaye Negri (left) as Juanita, Liz Dapo as Sissy and Rachel Duda as Mona.

Duda as Mona is a self-styled Scarlett O'Hara who is convinced that she is the mother of James Dean's son, the titular Jimmy Dean. Holly Trout is excellent as a younger version of Mona, a crafty ingenue.

Elizabeth Dapo is hilarious and touching as Sissy, the exhibitionist, zaftig sexpot who drags her dates to the graveyard for nocturnal make out sessions. Sissy's younger version, Kristin Peck — red dress, blonde tresses — skillfully coerces compliments about her Marilyn Monroe-ish figure from her girlfriends.

Linda Sellner plays Edna Louise, the mother of 6, severely warped by sub-basement low self-esteem until she courageously asserts herself against the wealthy, passive-aggressive, "glamorous" Stella May, played with honeyed waspishness by Rosalie Daelemans.

Then there is Joe, the only male in the cast. Complex, vulnerable, crossdressing Joe is played very convincingly by Win Britt in his acting debut. You

wouldn't believe this guy is a rookie if the program notes didn't say so.

Lastly there is Barbara Lambert, the sleek, mysterious stranger who pulls up to the 5 and Dime in a yellow Porsche . . . the dark stranger nobody recognizes at first . . .

Kudos to Akers, who deftly and frequently switches the action from present to past to present



Holly Trout as Mona (then).

seamlessly. The play unfolds on Sept. 30, 1975, 20 years to the day after Dean fatally crashed his yellow Porsche. As the Disciples recall that ur-tragedy, their adult characters fade into their teen selves. Both Monas (then and now) and both Sissys (then and now) are onstage simultaneously.

ously, each darkened and lit up depending on which character is speaking. Akers, lighting designer Jeff Lesniak and lighting technicians Dennis Giblin and John Smallwood pull off this tricky maneuver without a hitch. The characters tease out the ugly truths hidden in the conflicting narratives without distracting the audience at all.

A cornucopia of memorabilia stamps this 5 and Dime with authenticity. Heather Brooks (Props/Set Decorator) has done yeoman (yeowoman?) work in gathering a treasure house of period pieces to awaken our sense of nostalgia.

Producer Andy Negri invites the audience to "tour" the set after the show: Bubble gum ball machines, 5-cent Pepsi, a ceiling fan, 1950's Life and Look magazines, 5-cent Texas postcards, an iconic "Giant" movie poster, an illuminated reproduction of the Last Supper — kitsch or sacred relics? Or both?

CBTFAD, JD, JD is at the GAC through March 15. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. on March 2 and March 9. Final performance is on Saturday, March 15 at 2 p.m.

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